

3. BILLING

The main premise of the VFC Program is to supply vaccine at no charge to children who might not otherwise be vaccinated because of inability to pay.

There are two costs associated with VFC vaccine – the cost of the vaccine and the administration fee. The billing requirements of the VFC Program are statutorily defined as follows:



- Providers may not charge patients for VFC vaccine.
- Providers may bill an appropriate vaccine administration fee as long as it does not exceed \$14.13, the maximum regional charge set for Montana by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid.
- At facilities that can serve the underinsured, private insurers cannot be billed for VFC vaccine but can be billed for the administration fee.
- VFC vaccinations cannot be denied to an established VFC-eligible patient due to the inability of the parent or guardian to pay the administration fee.

Please refer to the tables in Section 4 – VFC Eligibility for billing information under various VFC eligibility scenarios.

See “Borrowing” in Section 16, page 60, for options for adjusting inventory to correct for improperly billed vaccine.